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LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCREAM.

In obtaining a legal determination of the value of a scream, Miss Grace Reals of Chicago has performed a distinguished service for her sex. Miss Reals, who is an actress, sued a druggist for injury to her vocal chords, alleged to have been caused through a mistake in filling a prescription, and has been awarded \$5,000, says the Pittsburg Gazette-Times. The jury was told that in emotional roles, when the villain became perniciously active, Miss Reals had to engage another woman to do the screaming for her. The jury agreed that a screamless actress is sadly handicapped in her art, but its verdict should afford protection to women other than those who follow the profession of the stage. No woman can go safely and happily through life without a scream. From mice to burglars, there is a broad variety of emergencies, each requiring its owns scream of peculiar intensity. There are married men of long experience who claim to be able to tell from the tone of a scream whether there is a mouse in the refrigerator or little Johnny has tumbled into the well. The occupants of a Kansas City flat building were saved from a horrible death by the scream of a woman, which summoned the fire department. Therefore, an impairment of her vocal chords which interferes with her natural screaming powers is easily worth \$5,000. In fact, the Chicago druggist who is to pay that sum to Miss Reals may congratulate himself on getting off so lightly.

The speed test of the new scoutcruisers Chester, Salem and Birmingham resulted in conspicuous victory for the first-named, which in a 24-hour trip made an average of 25.50 knots per hour, her competitor, the Salem, reporting an average of 24.54. The officers of the Chester assert she could have done still better but for a slight fault in one of her turbines, which can be readily remedied, says the Troy Times. The Birmingham dropped out when the contest was half over, some impairment to the machinery rendering this necessary. But with thorough "tuning up" there seems to be no doubt that the three vessels will be valuable additions to ships of their class, the function of which will be to scour the sea and do it with alacrity.

The letting of the contract for constructing the railroad to run from Arica, Chile, to La Paz, Bolivia, is another striking indication of the progress made in uniting the three Americas. The new line, to cost \$15,000, how I'd got it into my head that there 900, will cross the Andes mountains at weren't any shows running here on 9 a.m. at No. 3343 Elm street. ing page he opened the kit. a height of 12,000 feet above the level of the sea and is to be part of the longitudinal system which is to traverse practically the entire length of Chile, 3,000 miles or more. And it will be an important link in that enormously greater system which in time will make it possible to travel by rail from | the United States to the extreme of South America. The late Hinton Rowan Helper should have taken heart of grace, seeing how rapidly his idea was materializing.

The American army mule is a valuable and useful beast as has often been demonstrated, and he is holding his own, with no kick coming. The government stands by him. Orders have just been issued that army officers going to and from San Francisco and the military reservation near that city must ride in conveyances drawn by army mules and not automobiles The officers formed the automobile habit at the time of the earthquake and as a matter of emergency and necessity. But the government regards the good old reliable mule as quite adequate to ordinary conditions, and so the animal comes back to his former dignity.

Residents of New York city are asking why, in the face of the casualty records of last year, and the growing movement for a safe and sane Fourth of July, the fire commissioner of that city has issued fifteen hundred permits for the sale of fireworks. This is inconsistency worthy of note; although even in cases where cities have rigid ordinances against the use of fireworks within their limits, dealers may be permitted to sell fireworks to outsiders who are not wise enough to heed the lessons of experience. The way to prevent the abuse of the privileges is to limit the permit in these instances to wholesaling.

The Young Turks want the moral support of the United States. Turkey is certainly progressing when the country, or any part of it, comes to recognize the value of moral support and the inadequacy of periodical massacre and summary executions to bring about peace and harmony with popular support of the government.

The Japanese government, it is reported, has dropped the sugar scandal for fear of getting into a sweet

A big automobile manufacturing concern has just closed a deal which involves a contract for disposing of \$50,000,000 worth of the machines. Who says that the American automobile industry is not becoming a big thing?

A Chicago professor says that Niagara will run dry within 3,000 years. Young people who are planning to go there on their wedding tour should hurry and get married before it's everlastingly too late.

## With the World's Great Humorists

Selections from the Writings of the Best Known Makers of Mirth.

#### A Charming Old Gentleman

By W. J. LAMPTON.

garrulous. Less elderly persons are to town. sometimes so. He had come to our editorial sanctum sanctorum with a in the world for that type of man. letter from a friend and we had intro-



"A Dissertation on Prehistoric Man."

on prehistoric man. When the professor had departed the old gentleman his return from Elba. heaved a sigh of relief.

all. What I like are living men, or, at | isle, did you?' least, those who may, in comparison

He was a charming old gentleman, member meeting Adam for example. full of anecdote and reminiscence, and It was shortly after he had given up so eager to talk that he was almost his country place at Eden and moved

We said there was some room yet

"Speaking of types," chirruped the duced him there to a professor of old gentleman, "reminds me of a call anthropology who had, without provo- I made on President Roosevelt a few cation, treated him to a dissertation deys before he retired from office. I told him I thought he was the typical

> "'Typical I may be, old chap,' he responded in that manner which has so endeared him to his enemies, 'but I'm not the kind of type that is easy to

We remarked upon Mr. Roosevelt's broad knowledge which included even printers' terms and added mildly that ne was strenuous.

"Speaking of the strenuous," the old gentleman followed glibly, "reminds me of what Julius Caesar said to me on one occasion. It was in Rome and a careful man. he was looking out for No. 1 in his why he had crossed the Rubicon.

around. See?"

the Alps. "Speaking of Napoleon," the old

"'Hello, sire,' I said familiarly, for "Prehistoric man," he said to us I had known him as a boy in Corsica, Mr. Clemens was becoming quite cheerfully, "does not interest me at 'you didn't like it on the snug little thrifty with age.

"'No, colonel,' he replied with that with the professor's acquaintances, be perfect candor which characterized all Chauncey Depew told me the othercalled modern. Now I quite well re- his utterances on important questions.

'I didn't. There wasn't Elba room for hae there and I left the island.' In somewhat sly fashion I smiled at his

"'Oh, that's all right,' he laughed. 'I didn't have to leave it. It wasn't so big that I couldn't have brought it away with me, but I had no further use for it.'

We said that Bonaparte was politic. "Speaking of politics," the old gentleman garruled on, "reminds me of a question I once asked George Washington. He had served his two terms as president and had retired to Mount Vernon, where I dined with him one

"'General,' I said to him as we sat on the broad verandah overlooking the Potomac drinking mint juleps that were pure nectar, 'did you really chop down the cherry tree?'

"'Don't ask me, my dear fellow," he begged. 'Once I might have been unable to tell a lie, but I've been in politics a whole let since that time." We intimated that Washington was

"Speaking of careful men," the old usual vigorous manner. I asked him gentleman came up promptly, "reminds me of an experience I had not 'By Jove,' he said with a snap, 'I long since with Mark Twain. He was crossed it because it was too far to go smoking one of my 25-cent cigars at the time. I made a remark for the We ventured the suggestion that express purpose of drawing a flash of Napoleon might have said the same of his brilliant humor. He did not respond in words, but winked slyly.

"'I catch on,' he said nodding and gentleman broke right in; "now there rubbing his hands, 'but I won't say was a man. I recall meeting him on what you want me to. I'll write it and get my established rate for it."

We intimated firmly but gently that

"Speaking of age," chattered the old gentleman, "reminds me of a story (Copyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

## Two Strangers Attend a Show

And now we come to the case of the jobserved one of the pair, sarcastically, two drummers. These drummers as he stuck his head through the winstarted to stroll up the street from dow at the ticket seller. "You had er drummer with a sigh of relief. their hotel one Sunday evening, won- your nerve with you to sell a fellow a dering if it might be possible to find ticket for that." entertainment in a lid-on town. "Don't you care for German opera?"

They hadn't strolled far from the inquired the man with a grin. hotel until they found themselves in front of a vaudeville house.

"Well, well," observed one of the drummers, gleefully, "here's just what we're looking for-a good show. Some-This looks good to me."

The other drummer said a show

bought seats about half way down. The orchestra was playing a fuzzy waltz tune when they got seated that neither of them had heard before. very young man and enthusiastic. "They're handing us out some brand new stuff, anyway," remarked drummer No. 1. "They don't just play neared No. 3343. 'The Merry Widow' waltz, like they do in New York. Wish I'd thought to get a program when we came in, though, to see what it is they're giving us.'

Then the curtain went up and a lot of people came out and began to sing. 'Funny," observed drummer No. 2. "but I can't understand a word they say. Queer thing about songs. A fel-

low can't catch the words." By and by a comedian tripped in and got off something. The audience nearly hurt itself laughing.

But the drummers couldn't catch the joke. And if there's anything that makes a man sore it's to have a crowd laughing at something he's

"We didn't get our seats far enough to the front," complained one drummer, irritably. "I couldn't get what that duck said at all."

"Naw," snapped his companion. "The fact is, I haven't caught a word that's been said. Certainly is a rotten show.

"Suppose we sneak out," suggested the other drummer. "I never tried to



"You Had Your Nerve with You." sit through such a fierce show. The dish towel compress on the leaky jokes are so involved you can't even spot an old one."

A moment later they filed out to the | maid. "That's a hot show, I don't think," ber. "They always do.

"German? Huh? Say, is that it? And that orchestra piece I thought was a waltz was a valse?"

"I'm glad to know I was sober all that time, anyway," spoke up the oth-"The only German word I ever did know is 'gesundheit,' and I don't know what that one means."

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"The small wrench," said the

"We've got an adjustable wrench in

her with a dark frown. "I can't put

and bring the little wrench, 'Jimmy."

The helper started on the run for

The plumber's tone was ominous.

The plumber blew up his fire and

found a pink sheet in the coal scuttle.

He moved a chair over by the stove

and read placidly. The drip of water

did not disturb him for he was used

"What do you get for plumbing?"

"Seventy cents an hour," responded

"And for waiting?" suggested the

The plumber scowled. "I ain't wait-

ing here because I want to," he mut-

tered. "I'm waiting because I have to.

The kitchen clock ticked off the

minutes at a little over a cent apiece.

The maid wrung out another dish

towel with which to poultice the leak

The plumber yawned and dropped

the pink sheet. Then he knocked out

"Would you like to look at the

"Naw," said the plumber. "I've seen

The kid forgot some of my tools."

said the maid timidly.

the plumber gruffly.

his pipe on the floor.

leak?" inquired the maid.

more'n a million of 'em, too."

maid, who was a pert thing.

Jimmy reduced his speed to plumber's

"It ain't here," he observed.

"What?" said the helper.

### Why Is a Plumber's Bill?

the door.

to it.

maid.

"Jimmy!"

The plumber had a rush order for | When he had finished with the sportday, but I'm glad I was mistaken. There was a leak in the water supply pipe to the kitchen sink.

"There is no hurry," he observed to would just about hit him, too. They the helper, "for our time is going on plumber. just the same."

The helper checked his pace to act the cellar that will fit any pipe," said cord with the plumber's, for he was a the maid gladly. The plumber checked "I wonder if I forgot that small none but my own tools on the job," he wrench," mused the plumber, as they said sternly. "Go back to the shop

"Let's look in the kit," suggested the helper. "If it's not there, I'll hurry

right back and get it." The plumber frowned. "How many times have I told you to cut out that

word 'Hurry?'" he said crossly. "I forgot," explained the helper in an apologetic tone.

Eventually they reached the back door of No. 3343 and the maid admitted them. "The water's leaking



'What Do You Get for Plumbing?' Asked the Maid Timidly.

all over my floor," she explained in some anxiety. She said "my" floor ly, gave the pipe a twist, dabbed on because she was the maid and it was some solder and sizzled it with a hot hers for that week, anyway.

The plumber, apparently, was not much interested, for he filled his pipe and lighted a little fire in a kettle he them for the maid's benefit. carried in his hand. Over the top of the fire he placed a number of tongs and pincers. Then he lighted his pipe shop. and leaned over, the kitchen table, where the sporting page had been used as a table cover. "Young Jenks'll put out 'Sliver' Jones

in two rounds," he observed to the helper, while the maid put another pipe.

"The leak's getting bigger," said the "Of course it is," agreed the plum-

5 hours' services, helper... 1.25 Total.....\$4.80 "You're a lucky kid, Jimmy," said the

When the bill went in it read.

Jimmy gathered up the parapher-

nalia and they started back for the

5 hours' services, plumber. \$3.50

plumber on the way back to the shop "There ain't many kids got the chance you have-to be a plumber." (Copyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

## World's Most Exclusive Club

iron.

Riches Won't Unlock.

The Royal Yacht Squadron is probably the most exclusive club in existence, says the Gentlewoman, and wonlerful to relate in this plutocratic age noney is quite powerless to unlock he charmed portals of the castle.

English Joy That There Is One Door | did yachts have tried in vain to pass the ordeal of the periodical ballot, while men of no fortune or only just enough to defray the upkeep of a small until one recalls the pleasant circle of vacht have been elected without an gentlemen who go to make up the idea of a blackball.

The only apparent qualification is that the candidate must possess a yacht of his own; but there are other qualifications much more difficult of "I am rich" do not have the effect of One or two millionaires with splen- attainment by the man of money, and an "open sesame."

it is just here that the question, of blackballing comes in, it must be owned, rather refreshingly.

For really one had almost said that there is no social "holy of holies" into which he who is rich cannot penetrate, Royal Yacht Squadron. There is, one remembers gratefully, just one institution left to which the mystic words

## IN THE PUBLIC EYE OPERATION

#### STAMPED OUT PLAGUE



Dr. Rupert Blue, passed assistant surgeon of the public health and marine hospital service deserves well of the people of this country. His campaign against the plague in San Francisco has been successful, and it is announced that the city by the Golden Gate is to-day not only free from the plague, but perhaps the most healthful city of its size in the country. When Dr. Blue was called to take charge of the campaign against the plague it threatened to not only devastate the city, but to sweep in a deadly wave across the continent.

Five million lives had been the ghastly toll collected in India, and it had obtained a foothold on every continent of the globe. The story of the threatening situation was carefully suppressed in San Francisco, but the death list was jumping skyward with fearful leaps. Radical, fearless

measures were needed, and these Dr. Blue put into effect regardless of protests. He worked through a citizens' health committee, and with such tact that a skeptical community became one big organization of enthusiastic helpers. The quarantine, fear of which had led the city to appeal to the nation for help, did not prove necessary. The disease-laden rats and fleas that had spread the contagion were eliminated, the germ-preserving earthquake debris was swept away, and the menace of the advancing death has been stopped.

#### FIRST GERMAN ADMIRAL



Admiral von Koester is at the present moment one of the little knot of individuals whose names are sufficient to spoil the night sleep of the haughty Briton with horrible dreams. There are others-a few-but responsible for most nightmares is this von Koester person.

For the one great fear that is whitening the hair of the Englishman at home just now is the probability that Germany is preparing to jump across the channel and lay violent hands upon Dame Britannia. The kaiser may do it by a general attack on land and sea. He may send over a fleet of airships under command of Aerial Admiral von Zeppelin. That possibility throws the average Englishman into a fit of deep thought when he reads the newspaper accounts about von Zeppelin's circus feats with his air craft. But

most likely it will be a water campaign. It is admitted that Germany has rather caught John Bull napping in the navy business. While the Britons had almost stopped the building of big ships, the Germans have been adding to their fleet of deadly craft with ominous speed and earnestness.

The German navy to-day is big and modern enough to make any other nation stop and think. And von Koester is its first admiral; the "great admiral" he is affectionately and proudly termed by his countrymen. In case of a war upon the sea he will undoubtedly be the commander-in-chief of the German naval forces.

#### UNAWED BY CONGRESS



This Ohioan has the record of being the most precocious "new congressman" in the history of the house of representatives. It is customary for new members to sit back and listen for many months after they come to Washington. Some remain silent all through their first session in the house. Mr. J. M. Cox was not unfamiliar with Washington when he came there. He had done newspaper work in the city some years before. So he was not in the least awed by his surroundings, and when he discovered, 14 days after he became a member, that he had something to say to the house, he got up and said it. No new member ever made a speech 14 days after his initiation, and Mr. Cox's record will probably remain unbroken. Mr. Cox is the publisher of two of Ohio's liveliest newspapers--the Dayton News

and the Springfield News. He is just putting up at Dayton a new home for his paper, in which he will introduce some unique ideas in sanitation. Mr. Cox will have even sanitary desks in his office, and every reporter and editor will be required to keep his desk clear of all rubbish. Every night the menwho clean the editorial room will throw into the waste everything found on the tops of the desks-even one of Mr. Cox's editorials, if it happens to be overlooked. In addition to editing two newspapers and being a member of congress, Mr. Cox was chairman of the committee which had the Wright brothers celebration in charge.

#### SETTLED STREET CAR STRIKE



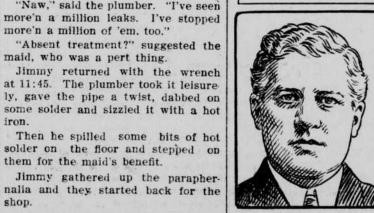
Senator "Jim" McNichol, the man who settled the big Philadelphia street-car strike after the public officials and almost everybody else had failed, is the political boss of the Quaker city. He is only a member of the state senate, officially considered. In a business way he is the head of a firm of contractors that does much public work at a reasonable profit.

Politically, however, he is a power of the greater magnitude. He makes mayors, congressmen, judges, police chiefs and public issues with a wave of his hand. In the present instance the city was upon the edge of a primary election. There was some fear that the public, the voting public, might have reached a point of resentment over the strike that would affect the results at the polls. The men who had been walking to work

and back because of the strike, and whose sympathies were for the most part with the strikers, might be carried away to such an extent that they would forget their allegiance to their respective parties and disarrange things. It was better to have the strike settled before the polls opened.

So Senator Jim got the leaders of both sides together, arought all his influence to bear, drew up a compromise agreement, and induced both sides to sign it. The strike was over.

## WOULD MOVE PENN'S REMAINS



Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania is one of the six members of the house affiliated with the Society of Friends, which is planning a movement to have the United States bring the coffin containing all that is mortal of William Penn to this country and have it interred

on the banks of the Delaware. The suggestion was recently made to Mr. Palmer by a constituent, who is a Friend, and who believes that the time is opportune for such action. The body of Penn now reposes in a practically abandoned cemetery in Buckinghamshire, England, and considering his distinguished career, is not appropriately marked. Mr. Palmer contemplates going about the business in a practical way, and intends to submit the proposition to the president, ascertain his views, and, if it is possible, get

the support of Mr. Taft. He also proposes to enlist the aid of Secretary Knox. The removal of Penn's body will have as a precedent the action taken by this government in the disinterring of the body of John Paul Jones from a cemetery in Paris and its reburial at Annapolis.

Used a Longer and Uglier Word. Mr. Whitaker told a friend. "When While Herman Whitaker was in the article came out it brought the Mexico, gathering material for his storm. Planter after planter rose up much-discussed novel, "The Planter," to call me liar, and that wasn't all. he wrote an article describing the The paper discovered that it had made cruelties of the plantation which, be- a mistake in attacking a vested inter fore it could be printed in a City of est, and sent a man down there with Mexico newspaper, had to be cen- a pail of whitewash and an extra large sored by the minister of in- brush. The business was all painted terior affairs. That open-minded white again; and I, who had con gentleman having signified, not demned it not on sentimental grounds only his tolerance but his ap- at all, mind you, but as bad economics proval, Mr. Whitaker marched with -I was not called a liar, oh no! but the article to the editor. The latter merely put down for a harmless hu read it grimly. "I'll give you three manitarian." days to make El Paso, Tex., he said, "before I bring it out. If you don't go Why did they introduce girl waitthe government may decide to throw ers in the new restaurant?" you into jail until you prove a few "Possibly because they thought girl charges of murder." "So out I got." waiters would be more fetching."

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